



# Washington State Low-Income Weatherization Program



**The Weatherization Program reduces utility costs for low-income families by increasing home energy efficiency. The program reduces the need for assistance with utility bills by lowering energy costs. It also preserves low-income housing.**

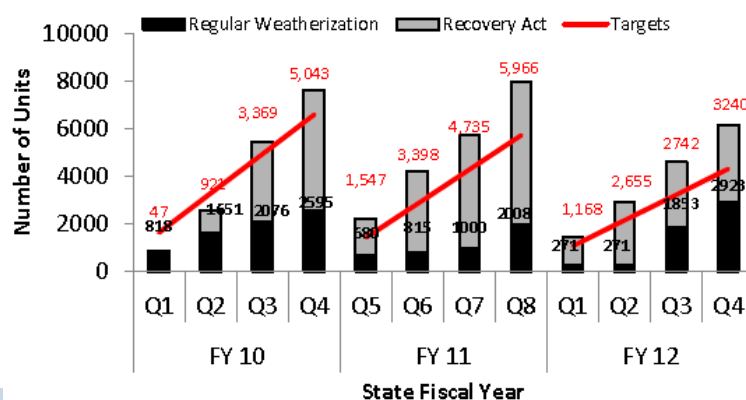
Weatherization involves adding insulation, sealing cracks, and making other changes that reduce heat loss, save money on heating bills and makes low-income homes or apartments healthier. The federal government and Washington State provide funding for weatherization services for qualified low-income households. Eligible families can earn no more than 200% of the federal poverty level.

Commerce administers the Weatherization Program. Twenty-five local agencies across Washington provide weatherization services to low-income families in every county.

## Funding Sources and Share

- U.S. Department of Energy Weatherization Assistance Program - 23% of total
- Bonneville Power Administration – 11% of total
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services – LIHEAP – 35% of total
- Washington State Matchmakers Program – 31% of total
- Electric and Natural Gas Utility Companies

## Weatherization Production



## Fast Facts

- Weatherization can reduce household energy bills by an average of twenty five percent.
- The Weatherization Program has helped weatherize 125,000 houses and apartments since 1987.
- Local weatherization agencies operate in every county of Washington State.
- Weatherization helps preserve existing affordable housing.
- Energy efficiency upgrades are provided at no cost to the low-income household.
- During the recession, the Weatherization Program weatherized more than 14,000 households.

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